

## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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## VIA FACSIMILE AND HAND DELIVERY

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RE: MUR 3774

National Republican Senatorial Committee and Stan Huckaby, as treasurer

Dear Mr. Ginsberg:

On November 30, the Federal Election Commission found that there is probable cause to believe your clients, the National Republican Senatorial Committee ("the NRSC") and Stan Huckaby, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441b(a) and 441a(f), provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, and 11 C.F.R. §§ 102.5(a)(1)(i), 106.5(c) and 106.5(g)(1)(i), provisions of the Commission's regulations, in connection with soft money payments made by the NRSC to three nonprofit organizations in 1992, 1993 and 1994 for get-out-the-vote activities.

The Commission has a duty to attempt to correct such violations for a period of at least 30 days by informal methods of conference, conciliation, and persuasion, and by entering into a conciliation agreement with a respondent. By determination of the Commission, the conciliation process in this matter will not extend beyond 30 days, absent another agreement by your clients to toll application of the statute of limitations. If we are unable to reach an agreement after 30 days, the Commission may institute a civil suit in United States District Court and seek payment of a civil penalty.

Enclosed is a conciliation agreement that the Commission has approved in settlement of this matter. If you agree with the provisions of the enclosed agreement, please sign it and return it, along with the civil penalty, to the Commission within ten days. I will then recommend that the Commission accept the agreement. Please make the check for the civil penalty payable to the Federal Election Commission.

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If you have any questions or suggestions for changes in the enclosed conciliation agreement, or if you wish to arrange a meeting in connection with a mutually satisfactory conciliation agreement, please contact Dawn M. Odrowski, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

L'awrence M. Noble General Counsel

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